

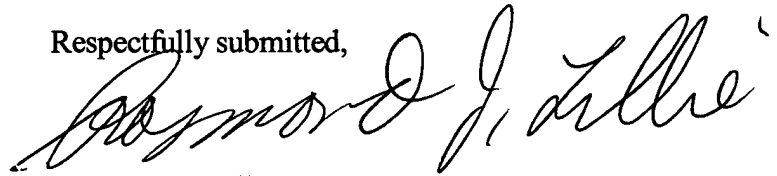
C. REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to the national stage application of PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/04217, filed December 19, 2003.

The claims have been amended in order to place the application in better form.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered, and an early notice of allowance is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond J. Lillie".

Raymond J. Lillie
Registration No. 31,778

#260770 v1